को विस्तृत अनुदेश जारी कर दिए हैं। (5) राज्यों को सूखे से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में चारे और पीने के पानी की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिये विशेष और बहुत जरूरी उपायों को करने की सलाह दी गयी है। (6) किसानों को वैकल्पिक फसलें बोने में जहां भी सम्भव हो समर्थ बनाने के लिये राज्य सरकारों द्वारा प्रबंध किये जायेंगे।

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Foodgraiu reserve under the south Asian security system

3215. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2199 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether a South Asian Food Security system is likely to be set up with a total reserve of 200,000 tonnes of foodgrains of which India is likely to contribute 150,000 tonnes;

(b) if so, the country where this reserve is likely to be kept; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to he beneficial to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CI-VHi SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Madam, there is a proposal to establish a SAARC Food Security Reserve of 200,000 tonnes of foodgrains, of which India's contribution is expected to be 153,200 tonnes.

(b) Under the proposed scheme, each member country will store its share of contribution to the Reserve within that counry.

(c) The Reserve would contribute to food Bfcurity and collective self-reliance us the region.

Bee keepers in Punjab

3216. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated July 30, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Bee keepers of Punjab are in distress;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any steps are being contemplated by Government to help the Bee Keepers of Punjab.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CORPORATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government is aware of the news item that appeared in the Indian Express dated July 30, 1987.

(b) and *(c)* Khadi and Village industry Commission is mainly concerned with Bee Keeping as one of the village industries included in its schedule. It is encouraging the promotion of Bee Keeping all over the country and also extends technical assistance incluirg distribution *ot* equipment as well as financial assist ance for setting up of medium and semi-commercial apiaries and marketing facilities including working capital loan for purchase of honey from Bee Keepers for the development of Bee Keeping Industry to State Khadi and Village Industry. Boards, Registered Institutions and Bee Keepers Cooperatives. KVIC marketing assistance of honey is confined to the units assisted by it. There may be several other units/individuals outside the KVIC/State KVI Board's fold engaged in production and marketing of honey. The marketing problem has arisen obviously due to step up in production of honey after exotic variety of imported bees by the Punjab Agricultural University.